

August 21, 1926.

MEMORANDUM

On Wednesday night at 9:45 I interviewed Miss Sally Peters at the Penn Station. She states that on Tuesday afternoon, August 17th, she was visited at Craagmore, Sullivan County, by three persons representing themselves to be from the New Jersey Investigation Bureau. Their names, as she recalls them, are Burke, Long and Dineen. They said Prosecutor Toolen had sent them. They asked whether she wanted to make a general statement. She said "No". They then asked whether she wished to make a statement voluntarily, question and answer to be written down or whether she would prefer that they serve a subpoena. She stated that she preferred the former. Miss Peters recalls the following questions that were asked her and her answers. She was not given a copy of her statement that was taken. Where the word "verbal" appears after an answer, it means that the question and answer was not made part of her written statement but was something that was asked her by the three officers and which she requested be not made a matter of record.

Q. Did Mrs. Hall know of the relations existing between Mrs. Mills and Mr. Hall?

A. No.

Q. Did she ever talk to you about such relations?

A. Never.

Q. Did you go abroad with her and, if so, how long?

A. Yes. I was with her for three months.

Q. Did you come home together?

A. No. She stayed over.

Q. Was Willie Stevens at the scene of the murder on Saturday morning when the bodies were found?

A. No.

Q. How do you know?

A. I was told so by Edwin Carpenter and Willie.

Q. When did Mr. Pfeiffer get into the case?

A. September 28, 1922.

Q. When did Mr. DeMartini get into the case?

A. September 30, 1922.

Q. Was DeMartini permanently at Mrs. Hall's house?

A. No, only once in a while when I had to be in town.

Q. Did both Mrs. Hall and you meet anybody in Italy from New Brunswick who gave you any material or consulted with you regarding the case?

A. No.

Q. Did Mrs. Hall at any time discuss the murders with you while in Italy?

A. No.

Q. Did she ever mention her husband's death?

A. Yes.

Q. When you mention the word "death" don't you mean murder?

A. No, that we talked of personal loss and of his death.

Q. Why did Mrs. Hall dismiss Senator Florance?

A. She didn't dismiss him but he simply did not act. (Verbal)

Q. Why is it that having been with Mrs. Hall in times of emergency and when she needed you you are not with her now?

A. She called me before because she was in sorrow about her husband's death.

Q. What time did you arrive at the Hall home in 1922?

A. September 17th.

Q. How did you come to go there?

A. She wired me of the death and I went to be with her.

Q. Why?

A. Because of her loss.

Q. Why should you have gone?

A. I was her oldest friend and two years before I went to her at the time of the death of her mother. (Verbal)

Q. Did you then go?

A. Yes.

Q. Who engaged DeMartini?

A. Mr. Pfeiffer.

Q. For whom?

A. For Mrs. Hall. (Miss Peters asked that this last statement be stricken out, which was done.)

Q. How did Mr. Pfeiffer get into the case and did you engage him?

A. No, Mrs. Hall engaged him. He is, however, a friend of mine.

Q. Did you not arrange the interview between Prosecutor Toolen and Mrs. Hall?

A. There was no subterfuge as Toolen stated on the stand. Toolen came to the house and saw Mrs. Hall without any trouble. He was accompanied by a detective by name of Fitzgerald. Mrs. Hall answered every question that he put to her and at all times assisted the Prosecutor's Office in every way.

Q. Was any examination made of the house at any time?

A. Yes, Toolen made such an examination ^{but only} of the study.

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Q. When did Toolen come?

A. As I recall it was Wednesday or Thursday following the murder.

Q. Simpson is anxious to clear this matter up and wanted to know if you suspected anyone else.

A. I have nothing to say about that.

Q. Would you be willing to give testimony at this hearing?

A. I am willing to help Mrs. Hall at all times.

Q. Will you give testimony voluntarily or will we have to subpoena you?

A. I think I would go voluntarily.

Q. If we wire you will you come to New Jersey?

A. I think so, but I will have to consult with my attorney.

Q. Was there a cot in the library at the Hall home?

A. No, Mr. and Mrs. Hall occupied a bedroom together.

Q. Why did Mr. Hall not hear the telephone ring?

A. Because I understand he was in the bathroom.

Q. Why was not Maria Gildea questioned and why was her name given out as Maria Casey instead of Gildea?

A. I am quite sure that was a mistake. Casey is an entirely different person.

Q. Why, when Mrs. Hall returned from Italy, did she make a statement to the newspapers that everything would be cleared up?

A. She never made such a statement.

Q. Was there any other name for DeMartini?

A. No.

Q. Was he ever known as Mr. Parker?

A. No.

Q. Who did he have working with him?

A. I don't know.

Q. Was he known as Jones?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did Mrs. Hall have any nickname or pet name for you?

A. No, just Sal.

Q. What cities in Italy did you go to?

A. (Here Miss Peters named several cities that they visited.)

Q. Any other countries, such as Czecho-Slovakia?

A. No, the trip was confined to Italy.

Q. Are you still friends with Mrs. Hall?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you an attorney?

A. No.

Q. Why was Peter Tumulty brought into the household?

A. He was in the employ of several members of the family. He left Mrs. Charles Carpenter and came to Mrs. Hall.

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